

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are now in the application. Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1- 5, drawn to open-celled foam beads, without traverse. Applicants respectfully request that Group II, claims 6-10 and 12-15, drawn to a process for the production of open-celled foam beads, be rejoined upon allowance of the elected claims of Group I. Group III, claim 11, drawn to a foam molding, may be canceled by the Examiner upon the allowance of the claims directed to the elected invention.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants concurrently herewith submit the requisite fee for a one-month Extension of Time. Applicants believe no additional fee is due with this response. However, if any additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12810-00007-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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